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1. POST CONSULTED PEREZ AND CENTRO RE INVENTORY. IN EXECUTIVE MEEING THEY DECIDED IT NOT POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO COMPILE INVENTORY THIS TIME FOR SEVERAL REASONS: 1) THEY GEARED FOR GUIDE PROJECT WHICH MUST MEET CERTAIN DEADLINES AND CANNOT STOP THAT PROJECT IN MID-STREAM TO TAKE ON ANOTHER. 2) SUPPORT GROUPS TOLD THAT CENTRO DOING SURVEY OF ARGENTINE ARCHIVES AND DONATED FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE. 3) POLITICALLY, WOULD BE WISER TO WAIT AS LAST PART OF THE GUIDE WILL CONTAIN CATALOGUE OF WORKS ON ARGENTINA AND IN U.S.SOURCES IN ARGENTINA; 4) FYI, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT SOURCES FOR SUCH INVENTORY FOREIGN MINISTRY ARCHIVES, HAS BEEN CLOSED TO FOREIGNERS FOR THE MOMENT.

2. CONSIDERIGNG ABOVE ALTERNATIVE B IN USIA 10008 MOST FEASIBLE. CENTRO IS ACHIEVING THE BROADER PURPOSE DESCRIBED AND IS THE FIRST PROJECT OF ITS KIND IN THE HUMANITIES/SOCIAL SCIENCES TO REALLY PROMOTE MUTUALITY AND RECIPROCITY.

3. SIMILAR PROJECTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES, NOTABLY BRAZIL, HAVE ASKED CENTRO FOR GUIDANCE. CENTRO TENTATIVELY PLANS MEETING NEAR END OF THIS YEAR FOR HISTORIANS AND ARCHIVISTS
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IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH BASIS FOR COOPERATION WITH OTHER

COUNTRIES WHO WILL BE REPRESENTED. IN THIS CONNECTION,
THE PRESENCE OF FRNAK P. EVANS OF THE NATIONAL ARCHIVE
AND RECORD SERVICES WOULD BE WELCOME, IF DEPARTMENT
WOULD FUND HIM.

4. WHEN EMBASSY KNOWS DEPARTMENT WILL CONCRETELY
OFFER ALTERNATIVE B TO THE CENTRO, WE WILL PROPOSE
IT AND IF THEY ACCEPT, WILL ASK GOA APPROVAL.
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